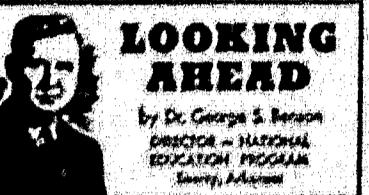


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**Government Deeply
In Business**

A subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations has been making a study of "The Government in Business." The study has not been completed, but the subcommittee has made its first report. Information given in the report reflects the bigness of the federal government, and the vast expansion in recent years of its business and industrial operations.

The federal government owns and operates more than 100 billion ready-to-eat restaurants, most of them in competition with private enterprises; and it has inventories of nearly \$1 billion at from \$75-billion to \$100-billion which is comparable to those of all private enterprises combined. Encouraging actions have been taken in Washington recently toward the apparent aim of halting the growth of government in business and in time actually getting the government out of most of its competitive business and industrial activities. Thus far only a small start has been made.

Cheaper from Outside
Much of the government's sprawling manufacturing and processing activities ought to be closed. Most of them are added to the tax burden of all citizens since they do not pay federal taxes and in many cases the products manufactured cost the government (the taxpayers) more than it could buy them from private manufacturers.

"The military services," reports the subcommittee investigating government in business, "find that it is economical to road and grind their coffee. They require some \$1 billion to 100 million pounds annually which is about 8 per cent of the United States total consumption. They insist that quality control can only be obtained by production in their own factories. On the other hand the Veterans' Administration which purchases some five million pounds of coffee apparently allows that the coffee it buys on a competitive contract basis is better, is a better blend at lower price than that obtained from the military factories."

Dangerous Tendency
Another item reported: "The navy insists that the rope manufacturing operation at the Boston Naval Shipyard is economical and produces a superior product. However the navy manufactures only a third of its rope and buys the other two-thirds on the commercial market. The stocks are minimized, showing that in reality the navy considers commercial rope to be equally acceptable. The coast guard advised the subcommittee by letter that commercial

GRASS ROOTS OPINION
Indianapolis, Ind., Times: "Whole sections of the United States are getting electric power for less than it costs to make it—with the government paying the difference."

New Egypt, N. J., Press: "The other day I read what J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, states in his creed of life. It is so good, honest, and so definitely what all Americans should follow that we give it here: 'Believe in God and the inherent dignity of man. Trust in our democratic principles, and be confident that truth will overcome the menace of dictatorship which today seeks to destroy our freedoms. Strive always to do your best. Make your life purposeful. If each of us in a spirit of self-dedication, will do his share, we can create a better world. That must be the spirit of 1954—the spirit of love, humility and justice.'

Harding, Montana, Tribune-Herald: "We're not trying to prove there isn't unemployment at the present time, or that it is not a serious problem, but it does seem that some groups—for obvious reasons—are overemphasizing the situation. These same groups often are the first to advocate more government spending as a means of curbing unemployment and assuring prosperity. The federal government cannot forever operate with a deficit, increase spending and then cut taxes. It isn't in the cards."

As days become longer and temperatures rise, traffic will become heavier. Well want to spend more time out-of-doors, as operators of automobiles, bicycles, tricycles, and also as pedestrians. How can we guard against the possibility of falling victim to accidents on the streets and highways well be using this spring and summer? Our State Police tell us that obedience to the rules of the road is our best bet for staying alive...and for avoiding the terrible responsibility for the death of another.

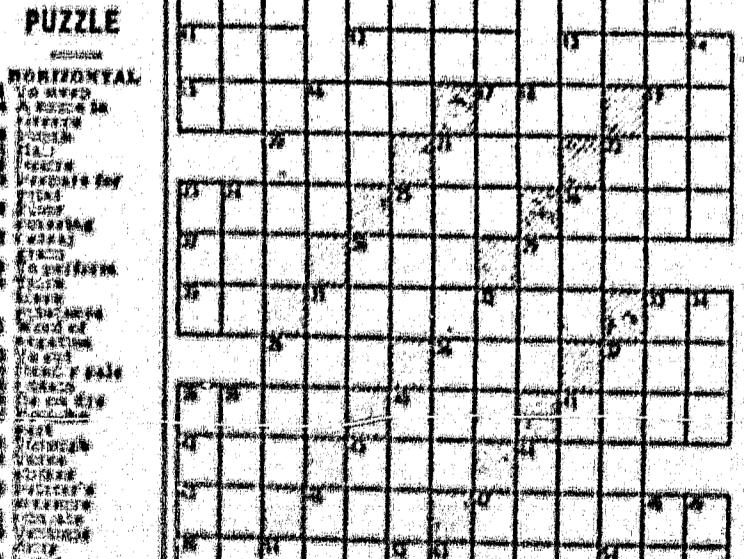
rope was cheaper."

A sizeable percentage of the 2,200,000 civilian employees in the federal government work in factories and other government business establishments. If these workers were in private industry, with its keen competition and profit incentive, they would invariably produce the goods at lower cost. The operations would return a profit to the companies thus broadening the tax base and lessening everybody's tax burden. And it would smother a tendency dangerous to the American way of life. "As big government gets bigger," observes the House subcommittee, "there is a tendency for government agencies to take over more and more activities, one enterprise leads to still another."

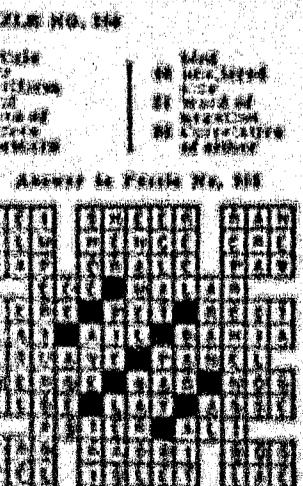
Prosperity at Stake
No doubt the government got many business activities out of what was considered at the time "absolute necessity." And perhaps there are some few activities, particularly among the armed services, which necessarily still dictates should be done by the services. However, since operating a business is alien to the fundamental concept of our government, even these few should be rigidly examined and not permitted to give birth to others. Thomas Jefferson said: "Agriculture, manufacturing, commerce, and navigation, the four pillars of our prosperity; are then most thriving when left most free to individual enterprise."

In private enterprise there is the strong incentive of profit and the constant spur of competition. By eliminating every other producer in the country, a better product is made at lower cost. The prosperity of the country, the freedom of all Americans depend on our keeping the profit incentive and competition as our basic productive force.

**CROSSWORD
PUZZLE**



PICKLE NO. 304



ANSWER TO PICKLE NO. 304

MAGALLOWAY

— Mrs. Besse Harvey, Corcoran —
Fred Bennett is much improved in health.

Ewen Cameron and Donald Murray have new television sets.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wiley of Westford called on Mr. and Mrs. McLean Harvey, Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Vaughn and family of Colebrook are staying with her father, Ewen Cameron, at Big Buck Camps this week as there is a vacation.

The Reverend George Duke is still ill at the Coos County Hospital.

— Leslie Hart died at the Coos County Hospital Sunday, April 11, aged 75 years, after a short illness.

He lived most of his life in Wilson's Mills and was the eldest son of William and Nellie Fennock Hart and was born in Littleton, N. H.

Funeral services were held in the Wilson's Mills Church on Wednesday, April 14, at 2 p.m., and were conducted by Mr. Greiser, the Methodist minister of Colebrook, N. H.

Burial was in the Wilson's Mills cemetery.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Frank Allen of Errol, N. H., and one son, Percy Hart of Errol, N. H. Brothers were William Adams, Carl Littlefield, Norman Littlefield and Lauren Bennett, all of Wilson's Mills.

When you make out your tax returns, remember that much of the cost is the result of past-waste and extravagance, and public demand for too many tax-financed hand-outs." — Wakefield (Mass.) Times.

Wayne P. Lago, principal of Woodstock High School, is announcing the following for the honor students:

A's: Dan Cole.

A's and B's: Art Coffin, Denise Noyes, Charlotte Schultz, Adelaide Emery, Alicia Emery, Sandra Martin.

Perfect attendance for the third quarter as follows: Arthur Coffin

Leona Davis, Pearl Farrington, Eva Harlow, Kent Martin, Denise Noyes, Charlotte Schultz, Howard Emory, Marguerite Graffam, Colby Martin, Adelaide Emery, Alicia Emery, Luna Farrington.

On April 16 the school saw three movies on Fire Protection.

They were very interesting.

Recently the Junior class presented an assembly in the form of a quiz program. The winners were: Daniel Cole, Doris Brooks, Annette Hillinen, Ed Marion. The winners received a candy bar.

Miss Whitman has been active in

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school paper and yearbook staffs,

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been class secretary and treasurer,

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The concept of a paternalistic

government so feared by our foun-

ders is being abandoned at long

last, and a long step has been tak-

en toward bringing government back home where it belongs." —

Chelms (Mass.) Record.

"Free enterprise thrives on a

spirit of competition, which has

always been recognized as the life

of trade. The cost of goods and ser-

vices is regulated by competition,

to the benefit of the consumer." —

Hudson (Mass.) Sun.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of COMMERCIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, N. J., for the Year Ended December 31, 1953, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of New Jersey.

Assets: \$1,000,000.00 cash and bank deposits, \$1,000,000.00 agents' balances or uncollected premiums, \$1,000,000.00 other assets.

Liabilities: \$1,000,000.00 reserves for losses, \$1,000,000.00 reserves for loss adjustment expenses, \$1,000,000.00 reserves for unearned premiums, \$1,000,000.00 capital and surplus funds, \$1,000,000.00 dividends paid up or statutory deposit, \$1,000,000.00 unassigned funds (surplus), \$1,000,000.00 policyholders' funds, \$1,000,000.00 total liabilities.

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Synopsis of the Annual Statement of CENTRAL INSURANCE COMPANY of Albany, in the State of New York, for the Year Ended December 31, 1953, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of New York.

Assets: \$1,000,000.00 cash and bank deposits, \$1,000,000.00 agents' balances or uncollected premiums, \$1,000,000.00 other assets.

Liabilities: \$1,000,000.00 reserves for losses, \$1,000,000.00 reserves for loss adjustment expenses, \$1,000,000.00 reserves for unearned premiums, \$1,000,000.00 capital and surplus funds, \$1,000,000.00 dividends paid up or statutory deposit, \$1,000,000.00 unassigned funds (surplus), \$1,000,000.00 policyholders' funds, \$1,000,000.00 total liabilities.

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Synopsis of the Annual Statement of AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, for the Year Ended December 31, 1953, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Missouri.

Assets: \$1,000,000.00 cash and bank deposits, \$1,000,000.00 agents' balances or uncollected premiums, \$1,000,000.00 other assets.

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Liabilities: \$1,000,000.00 reserves for losses, \$1,000,000.00 reserves for loss adjustment expenses, \$1,000,000.00 reserves for unearned premiums, \$1,000,000.00 capital and surplus funds, \$1,000,000.00 dividends paid up or statutory deposit, \$1,000,000.00 unassigned funds (surplus), \$1,000,000.00 policyholders' funds, \$1,000,000.00 total liabilities.

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The Upper Room
 THE WORLD'S MOST WIDELY USED DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Thursday, April 22
 Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4) Read Psalm 23.

In a sermon on immortality, I heard a clergymen tell the following story: A father took his young son for a walk in the fields. The morning was beautiful. They ran out with great joy.

As they were crossing a bridge, the lad said, "Father I'm afraid to cross the bridge." The father took his son's hand and said, "Son, you have your father, and the bridge is safe." They walked far into the green fields and enjoyed the beauty about them.

As they turned homeward, the lad said again, "I'm afraid to cross

the bridge." Again the father assured the boy there was no need to fear. Still the boy was afraid. So the father took him up in his arms. Soon the lad was asleep. When he awoke, he said again to his father, "I'm afraid to cross the bridge." Then the father said, "My son, we have crossed the bridge and are now safe at home."

Prayer

Heavenly Father, take all fear from our lives. Put within each heart the abiding presence of Thy Holy Spirit. Surround us with Thy holy arms and grant us Thy abiding peace. In the name of our living Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Through For The Day Jesus says, "I am the resurrection, and the life."

Elizabeth B Y Temple
 (California)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH Robert A. Carter, Minister
 Miss Minnie Wilson, Sunday School Superintendent

Miss Dianne Christie, Organist
 9:45 a.m. Church School.

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sermon by the Pastor.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at the Church at 2:15 Sunday afternoon to attend Oxford Youth Council in South Paris. Bring your lunches as the program will last until 3 o'clock. Snacks will be served at the lunch hour.

The Men's Brotherhood will meet Tuesday evening April 27, at the Church supper at 6:30.

WENTWORTH CHURCH Charles L. Pendleton, Minister
 Mrs. John Hobbs, Choir Director
 Frank Lee Pilant, Organist
 Services for Sunday, April 25
 Church School at 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
 The inscription is on the theme "Lord, I Believe."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The Lesson-Corner used in all Churches of Christ, Scientific, is available to everyone who desires to study it.

You are cordially invited to attend the service of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, or the services of the branch church or assembly near you.

Globe Test, "Examine me O Lord and prove me; try my reins and my heart" (Psalms 26:2).

Authored Christian Science literature is available in the public library or may be read, borrowed or purchased at my home... Mrs. Irma H. Thompson, Vernon Street, Phoebe St.

BRYANT POND

HIGHLIGHT CHURCH Rev. G. E. Lindquist, Pastor
 Friday, April 23: A business meeting of the church at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25:

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:25 a.m. Morning Worship Service

6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship
 7:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service

Tuesday, April 27: A meeting of the Sunday School Teachers.

Wednesday, April 28: Midwest Bible Study House, 7:30 p.m.

Rehearsals of the Senior and Junior Choirs will be announced.

Easter Services will be held at the Bryant Pond Chapel on Sunday, April 18. The Church was decorated with traditional Easter flowers, including Easter lilies, many of which were placed there in memory of loved ones.

Lutes in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swan, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Swan; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Whitman by The Whitman Parrot; Mrs. Edna Johnson and John Brown by Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Clark; Mr. and Mrs. Stover by The Stover Family; Paul Cole by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cole; Walter Gardner by The Gardner Family.

The Morning Service was conducted with an organ recital, "Chants of the Hills of the French," Mrs. Margaret Rogers, organist followed by "An Easter Cantata" by the Senior Choir. Further special musical numbers were presented: "Welcome Easter" by Roger R. Reynolds; "Jesus Christ, King of Kings" by James Whitmire.

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Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bergeron and family are in Canada for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hancock of West Bethel were recent callers in this vicinity.

Mrs. H. B. Lowell and Miss Nancy Dupee called at Paul Croteau's recently.

Miss Wilma Croteau and Charles Daley of Boston were guests at Paul Croteau's over Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Deegan called at the Joe Duggan's Saturday evening and Mr. and Mrs. Horton Beck and daughter of Gorham, N.H., Sunday evening.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Every parent wants his child to follow the example of the Golden Rule. However, the parent should remember that the child is learning by the parent's example. When driving the family car, do you share the road with other motorists? Our State Police suggest that you teach your child the Golden Rule by the example of your own driving courtesy. At home or on the highway, your child will follow your example.

The Sporting News said that it is obvious that something happened between February 23 and April 11 to change the attitude of those operating the Yankees. What happened was:

No. 1—Nineteen defeats in 27 exhibition games with major league opposition, six in eight engagements with the Dodgers.

No. 2—Doubt had enveloped Mickey Mantle's mending right knee.

In announcing the deal Yankees said the move was in the interest of "protection and insurance."

Around the American League, reports the national baseball weekly, the addition of Enos to the New York family was regarded as a demonstration of fear.

The Yankees are afraid, afraid for the first time since 1949, and perhaps the day of our freedom from New York bondage is nigh?"

The seven other clubs in the circuit exuberated.

Alton Faces Toughest Job

Four new managers led teams into the major races this season, one pulling a heavy load, three in less difficult spots. The man in the most important spot, reports The Sporting News, is Walter Alston of Brooklyn.

All that is expected of Alston is to win the World Series. That's regarded as just a slight order of immovable odds on toast in Flatbush. Nothing to it. But if the rookie manager simply repeats the pennant victory in the National League without considering the series—he will set a precedent.

There are only two cases of managers walking in on title teams—and both failed. John Joseph Barry missed in 1917 with Bill Carrigan's Boston Red Sox team, and Bob O'Farrell couldn't make it when he succeeded Rogers Hornsby with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1927. Both finished second.

"How To Play" Series to be Resumed Next Week

The "How to Play Baseball" series will be resumed next week with Chapter 4—Batting by Roger Hornsby. "Things to Remember."

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW YORK, FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953, AS FILED WITH THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1953, REPORTS OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Deposits \$1,021,000.00

Accounts Receivable 1,021,000.00

Other Assets 1,021,000.00

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND OTHER LIABILITIES

Reserves for Loss Adjustment 1,021,000.00

Reserve for Uncurred Premiums 1,021,000.00

All Other Liabilities 1,021,000.00

Capital Paid Up 1,021,000.00

Unassured Funds 1,021,000.00

Surplus Reserve 1,021,000.00

Total Liabilities 1,021,000.00

Special Reserve Fund 1,021,000.00

Capital Paid Up 1,021,000.00

Unassured Funds 1,021,000.00

Surplus Reserve 1,021,000.00

Total Liabilities 1,021,000.00

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

FOR SALE

FOR SALE - 1 Crown Electric Range, apartment size, and 1 Philco Refrigerator. Both slightly used and in excellent condition. TEL 150. 14th

FOR SALE - Small house one mile from Locke Mills. Electricity and excellent water. Could be moved onto campsite if desired. Reasonable Price. For Information CALL 21-24. 15-17

FOR SALE - 1952 International $\frac{1}{2}$ ton Panel Truck. First class condition, not needed in present business. \$975. R. E. ANDREWS, Bethel Spa, Bethel 234. 16th

FOR SALE - $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton 1949 GMC pick-up, 1 eight inch bench seat, 1 jointed and planer. 43. TEL 15-16.

FOR SALE - 1951 Inlay Half Yard power shovel, with shovel front, 30 foot crane boom and fair lead assembly. Very good condition. Will sacrifice at half the new cost. R. G. REYNOLDS. Phone 105-4. 11th

APPLES - Cortland and North-ern Spies. EDMUND C. SMITH. Tel. 22-23. 9th

LABEL-ETS - Your name and address on gummed paper $\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ inches - 400 for \$1.25. THE CIT-ZEN OFFICE. 9th

FILING CABINETS - Many De-signs. We can meet mail order prices with high quality merchan-dis. CITIZEN'S OFFICE. Phone 100. 40th

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MISCELLANEOUS

Leave Shoes at the Bethel Spa for repair and clothes to clean Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. EXCEL CLEANERS AND DYERS, INC., Auburn, Maine. 44th

LEAVE SHOES AT EARL DAVIS for repair. RICHARD'S SHOE SHOP, Gorham, N. H. 40th

Belleview, Kan., Telescopist. "That great humanitarian, Herbert Hoover, who never drew his salary as President but left it to charity, the elder statesman who has stood for the highest ideals in our American democracy, made a speech the other day and minimized the probability that this country is in for a great depression. He said it is rooted and grounded on too firm a foundation to have more than an economic adjustment, which occurs every eight or ten years. There are too many people—some of them for political reasons—looking at the hole in the doughnut. Instead of the doughnut itself."

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Advertisements in care of the Citizen, 10 cents per insertion additional.

Display advertising in classified columns, 50 cents per inch. Cards of Thanks or In Memoriam, 75 cents.

Resolutions of Respect, \$1.00.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for my lovely Sunshine Box and nice cards and letters during my illness and the lovely flowers while in the Hospital. It doesn't have to be a special day, to call you to our mind. For better friends and neighbors no one could ever find.

Alfred Curtis

Bethel, Maine

STATE OF MAINE

**TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICES
OF THE SUPERIOR COURT** to be held at Paris, within and for said County of Oxford, on the 2nd Tuesday of June, A. D. 1954.

Respectfully Represents, Helen M. Harding resident at Bethel in the County of Oxford and State of Maine that she was lawfully married to Durward Harding of parts unknown at Gorham in the County of Coos and State of New Hampshire on the twenty-ninth day of August A. D. 1953, by duly authorized to solemnize marriages therein;

That the Libellant and Libellee cohabited in this State after their said marriage;

That the Libellant resided in this state when the cause of divorce accrued as hereinafter set forth;

That the Libellant has resided in this State in good faith for one year prior to the commencement of these proceedings;

That the Libellee was a resident of this State; but now of parts unknown;

That the Libellant has ever been faithful to her marriage obligation, but that the said Libellee has been unmindful of the same;

That there is no collusion between your Libellant and the said Libellee to obtain a divorce;

That on the fifteenth day of October A. D. 1953, said Libellee utterly deserted your Libellant without reasonable cause and has continued said desertion ever since;

That being of sufficient ability and being able to labor and provide for her, said Libellee grossly, wantonly and cruelly refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for your Libellant;

That since marriage the said Libellee has been addicted to gross and confirmed habits of intoxication from the use of Intoxicating Liquors, opium or other drugs;

That said Libellee is, and ever since the aforesaid marriage has been impotent, and that said Impotency is incurable;

That said Libellee has been guilty of extreme cruelty toward your said Libellant;

That the said Libellee has been guilty of cruel and abusive treatment toward your said Libellant;

That no children have been born to them during their said marriage;

Therefore, your Libellant prays that a divorced from the bonds of matrimony between herself and the said Libellee may be decreed;

Also that reasonable alimony may be decreed to your Libellant out of the estate of the said Libellee, or, in lieu thereof, that a specific sum may be paid to her by him;

And your Libellant further alleges that the residence of said Libellee is unknown to your Libellant and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence.

Dated at Bethel, Maine this twenty-ninth day of March, A. D. 1954.

Helen M. Harding Libellant
STATE OF MAINE

Oxford, ss.

Oxford, March 29th, A. D. 1954.

Personally appeared Helen M. Harding above named Libellant and made oath that the foregoing allegation as to the residence of the Libellee is true.

Before me,

Gerry Brooks
Justice of the Peace

(Seal)

STATE OF MAINE

County of Oxford, ss.

Superior Court, in Vacation
April 6, A. D. 1954

Upon the foregoing Libel, Ordered. That the Libellant give notice to the said Durward Harding to appear before the Justice of our Superior Court, to be held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of June, A. D. 1954, by publishing an attested copy of said Libel, and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Bethel Oxford County Citizen, a newspaper printed in Bethel, in our County of Oxford, the last publication to be thirty days at least prior to said second Tuesday of June, 1954, that he may then and then in our said Court appear and show cause, if any he have, why the prayer of said Libellant should not be granted.

Leonard F. Williams
Justice of the Superior Court.

A true copy of the libel and order of court thereon.

Attest: Rupert F. Aldrich, Clerk.

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CARD OF THANKS
The kindness and sympathy of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always be to us a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts.

Mrs. Abbie Brown
Mr. and Mrs. James Brown
and family
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brown
and family
Miss Arlene Brown
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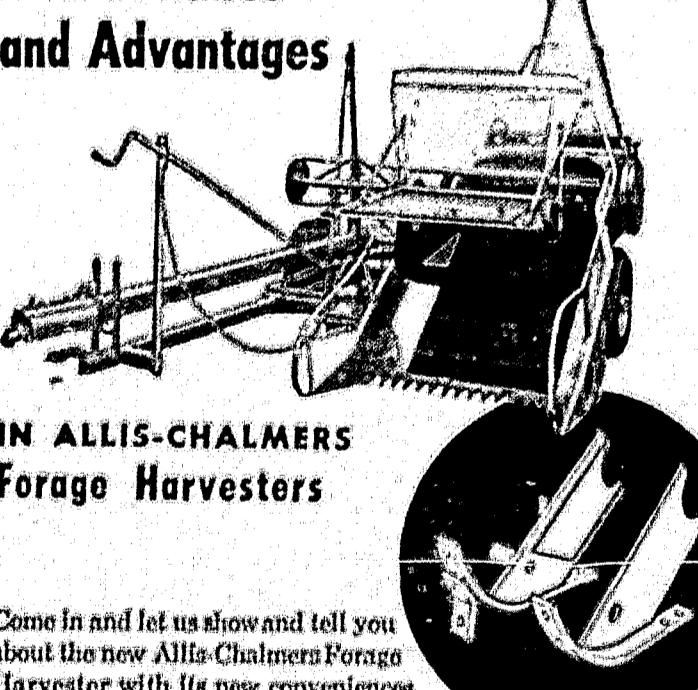
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Mrs. Ruth Gilbert, Corres.
SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATED
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coulombe celebrated their silver wedding anniversary April 17 with open house at their home in West Bethel followed in the evening by a reception at King School Hall, Bethel, N. H.

Many gifts were received by the couple including flowers and a purse of money. Refreshments including a wedding cake were served.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perry and son of Autumn were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perrin.

Mrs. William Crocker and Charles Daily, both of Boston were Sunday callers at Mr. and Charles Macrae's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Macrae attended Lakeside Grange at Harrisburg, Saturday night.

SUNDAY RIVER

Mrs. R. M. Fleet, Corres.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Foster of Gardiner City, N. Y., were at their place in town over the week end and called on neighbors and relatives while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Verner and son, Victor, of Hartford, Conn., were week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dean.

John Therrien had his motor truck to have his camp cabin fixed while he was out after water the other night and completed enough repairs before beds arrived. He left everything and was taken to Mahoneys Falls by Mr. Dean on his winter weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Asher Randell and family spent the week end in Bethel.

LOCKE MILLS

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Mrs. Jennie Mayberry attended a birthday party for her son on Friday evening at Pigeon Hill. Mrs. Maud Kimball returned home Saturday after visiting relatives in Sabago, North Fryeburg, and Lynchville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Logan and family were in Rumford Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kimball and family were in Norway Saturday afternoon.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
on the 31st day of December 1953
made to the Insurance Commissioner
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ASSETS	
Bonds	\$32,634,571.95
Stocks	70,919,573.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	10,147,775.83
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	11,542,875.14
Other Assets	2,893,938.06
Total Assets	\$178,138,733.98
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$61,053,212.00
Loss Adjustment Expenses	8,458,540.00
Unearned Premiums	40,032,482.00
Taxes	4,240,609.07
All Other Liabilities	3,538,800.34
Total Liabilities	\$126,335,154.31
Special Surplus Funds	\$20,803,579.67
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	5,000,000.00
Unassigned Fund (Surplus)	20,000,000.00
Surplus as Regards Policy-holders	\$51,803,579.67
Total	\$178,138,733.98

**MERCHANTS AND FARMERS
MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**
6 Harvard Street
Worcester, Massachusetts

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$607,451.24
Stocks	37,503.00
Real Estate Owned	47,397.44
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	5,500.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	74,117.31
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	57,840.08
Other Assets	8,361.02
Total Assets	\$228,261.19
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$17,834.20
Loss Adjustment Expenses	1,580.94
Unearned Premiums	475,682.10
Taxes	14,165.22
All Other Liabilities	5,431.20
Total Liabilities	\$51,707.02
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	\$413,554.17
Surplus as Regards Policy-holders	\$413,554.17
Total	\$228,261.19

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE
(U. S. Branch)**
99 John Street
New York, New York

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$11,563,847.87
Stocks	7,638,840.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,744,856.11
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	1,161,716.07
Other Assets	632,634.37
Total Assets	\$22,341,894.42
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$2,788,175.02
Loss Adjustment Expenses	180,030.43
Unearned Premiums	8,670,638.17
Taxes	885,874.00
All Other Liabilities	951,944.24
Total Liabilities	\$12,883,355.46
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	\$300,000.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	8,953,638.96
Surplus as Regards Policy-holders	\$9,458,038.96
Total	\$22,341,894.42

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FITCHBURG MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
Fitchburg, Massachusetts
on the 31st day of December 1953
made to the Insurance Department
of the State of Maine

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$670,150.00
Stocks	125,843.00
Real Estate Owned	70,000.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	617,514.77
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	97,631.78
Other Assets	7,528.60
Total Assets	\$1,694,068.24
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$36,700.23
Loss Adjustment Expenses	5,200.00
Unearned Premiums	872,703.00
Taxes	20,676.28
All Other Liabilities	11,398.80
Total Liabilities	\$932,974.57
Special Surplus Funds	\$6,000.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	635,903.87
Surplus as Regards Policy-holders	\$641,903.87
Total	\$1,694,068.24

VERMONT MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Montpelier, Vermont
on the 31st day of December 1953
made to the Insurance Department
of the State of Maine

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$1,033,375.33
Stocks	150,171.00
Real Estate Owned	138,088.01
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	303,133.03
Cash and Bank Deposits	646,633.62
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	233,745.41
Other Assets	17,287.47
Total Assets	\$3,177,735.80
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$180,971.00
Loss Adjustment Expenses	8,797.97
Unearned Premiums	1,225,721.64
Taxes	80,600.11
All Other Liabilities	14,831.16
Total Liabilities	\$2,075,011.84
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	\$1,103,824.01
Surplus as Regards Policy-holders	\$1,103,824.01
Total	\$3,177,735.80

MIDDLESEX MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Concord, Massachusetts
on the 31st day of December 1953
made to the Commissioners of the
State of Maine

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$3,568,100.00
Stocks	1,710,003.03
Real Estate Owned	303,639.06
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	107,558.32
Cash and Bank Deposits	510,931.38
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	459,813.70
Other Assets	97,432.07
Total Assets	\$9,166,679.11
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$345,001.00
Loss Adjustment Expenses	23,088.01
Unearned Premiums	9,011,733.30
Taxes	145,231.45
All Other Liabilities	61,309.72
Total Liabilities	\$1,389,404.38
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	4,777,274.73
Surplus as Regards Policy-holders	\$4,777,274.73
Total	\$9,166,679.11

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ASSETS	
Bonds	\$1,128,561.28
Stocks	1,128,172.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	888,252.87
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Deposits	518,022.51
Other Assets	305,015.47
Total Assets	\$11,025,996.03
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$1,077,276.50
Loss Adjustment Expenses	108,403.50
Unearned Premiums	5,100,114.05
Taxes	133,810.51
All Other Liabilities	300,623.23
Total Liabilities	\$7,181,897.58
Statutory Deposit	2500,000.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	3,011,099.55
Surplus as Regards Policy-holders	\$3,511,099.55
Total	\$11,025,996.03

FIRE ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
on the 31st day of December 1953
made to the Insurance Commissioner
of the State of Pennsylvania

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$25,410,375.14
Stocks	81,257,225.18
Real Estate Owned	2,412,517.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	58,710.16
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,987,230.03
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	5,978,007.97
Other Assets	1,619,664.49
Total Assets	\$66,791,424.25
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$8,900,109.00
Loss Adjustment Expenses	482,717.00
Unearned Premiums	29,870,361.83
Taxes	1,274,560.00
All Other Liabilities	1,704,870.77
Total Liabilities	\$10,005,428.80
Special Surplus Funds	

Years Ago

10 YEARS AGO

Jolin Zale, Rumford cattle dealer, was instantly killed when the truck in which he was riding overturned on the Rumford Center road.

War prisoners from the Percy camp were cutting wood for the Brown Company.

Deaths: Miss Myrtle Alice Bacon, Carl P. Dunham.

20 YEARS AGO

A large delegation of local people enjoyed a banquet and dance at Maple Inn (Hotel Sudbury).

Bryant Pond ball field was graded and re-surfaced. The work was done under the ERA.

Deaths: Mrs Dennis Kilgore, Mrs Sarah Starbird.

30 YEARS AGO

The Chapman cottage was moved from the site of the proposed girls' dormitory (Gould Academy) to a foundation on the gymnasium lot across Church Street.

Traveling was extremely bad owing to two heavy snowstorms.

The Dixfield American Legion and Dixfield band presented Singin' the Sailor in Odon Hall.

40 YEARS AGO

G. L. Thurston purchased Hastings Bros. hardware store.

Howard Thurston purchased the Charles Atherton house on Rail road Street.

Deaths: Mrs Ethel Cummings, Mrs L. T. Barker, Edwin B. Stearns.

GOULD ACADEMY

Nancy Hartman, a member of the Junior class, who won first place in the humorous division in the Oxford County Prize Speaking Contest held in Mexico a few weeks ago gave her prize winning oration, "Traveling on the Bangor and Aroostook," yesterday morning in assembly. This was very much enjoyed by all students and faculty members.

The Academy had the privilege of witnessing demonstrations put on by a motor unit of the General Motors Corporation in William Bingham Gymnasium on Monday. Mr. Tedmon conducted experiments showing some of the developments of scientific research over the past fifty years. Of a special interest to the audience were the demonstrations of micro wave, combustion engines and jet propulsion all developments which play an important role in the everyday life of all persons today. Gould was especially fortunate to have this program since there are only seven units of the motorcade traveling over the entire United States.

The Academy Chapter of the Future Homemakers Association is cooperating in the State-wide clean-up project by participating in clean-up activities on the school grounds and the community. This activity was started this week.

The William Rogers Chapman Club will hold a Mardi Gras in William Bingham Gym on Monday April 27 at 3:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited.

GOULD TO OPEN AT NORWAY TUESDAY

Gould Academy's 1954 diamond program will be given a stiff test when they open the season at Norway fair grounds on Tuesday. On Friday the Huskies will play host to St. Paul's High of Berlin in a conference game.

Coach Brashears has a squad of 14 men with a veteran at every position. Pete H. Lawrence will probably start behind the bat with Ed Burroughs in reserve. Vern Carlson is the third string catcher. Number one pitcher Herb Adams will get the nod on Tuesday with Howie Wolfe starting against St. Paul on Friday. Curley Mead is the relief pitcher.

At first base Paul Fossett and Merle White are putting up a battle for the job. White, a veteran of the Bethel Legion team, may start on Tuesday. Eddie Melville and Capt. Dick Judge will start at 2nd and 3rd with Bill Howe at short stop. John Chase another Legion player shows great prospects at third base and Bill Dwyer will be the other utility infielder.

Veterans Phil Carey and Gene White will room the left and center fields. Right field will be taken care of by Ed Burroughs, either either or Howie Wolfe, when not on the mound.

The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

May 4 Medina at Bethel

May 7 at South Paris

May 11 at St. Paul's of Mexico

May 15 Norway at Bethel

May 18 Bethel at Bethel

May 22 Medina

June 5 at Freeport

June 12 Abantic at Bethel

Wednesday morning his bike was stolen.

And he used in the stocks—for what was the need?

To warn the poor soldiers he rode like the wind.

With bunches of "redskins" cut down behind him.

His bike was named "Pinto" the day before that.

As he sat on his chop and his wife waited him.

Mr. Abbott arrived with his rope and his net.

"The bats there" were trashed and dispensed, one by one.

He's getting a good ship today from his bike.

With his net and my gun—this isn't little tyke.

Watch out for him, deer, although he's been too.

He's going to be careful; he's just nine years old!

Keep Mabel Green by helping prevent forest fires.



KERGUSON FILES PAPERS FOR RE-ELECTION AS REPRESENTATIVE

Norman K Ferguson of Hanover has filed his nomination papers for re-election to the House of Representatives representing the 75th Legislative District, which includes Bethel, Greenwood, Gilford, Hanover, Upton, Stoneham, Stow and the plantations of Lincoln and Monson.

Mr Ferguson is a native of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and is a former resident of Bethel. He has been a resident of Hanover since 1946. He married the former Hazel Merrill of Andover. They have four children, Norman Jr., serving with the army in Austria, Elizabeth is employed at The New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston and Nancy and Margaret both attend local schools.

Mr Ferguson does some farming and is employed by the Oxford Paper Company. He is serving his fourth year as selectman of Hanover. Three years as chairman of the Hanover Republican Town Committee. Mr Ferguson is also a member of the Oxford Bear Lodge, Bear River Orange, and Rumford Lions Club. He is especially interested in problems concerning schools and roads. Also he believes there is need for more forest fire protection.

SOME 19,121 FARMERS AND HOMEMAKERS JOIN EXTENSION ASSOCIATION

Some 19,121 Maine farmers and homemakers have joined the 14 county Extension Associations. The 772 women enrolled in Somerset County have set a new all-time record. Sixty counties have equalled or topped their membership of a year ago at this time and also their total 1953 membership. They are Androscoggin-Sagadahock, Cumberland, Kennebec, Penobscot, Somerset, and Waldo Counties. Countless with the best percentage of members renewing for 1954 are Somerset, Oxford, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, and Franklin. Aroostook may still join his county Extension Association and receive its monthly magazine.

BORN

In Stewartstown, N. H., March 23, to Mr and Mrs Norman Littlefield of Wilson's Mills, a daughter, Angela Beth.

In Lawton, April 18, to Mr and Mrs Ivory Currier of Bethel, a son, Edward Arthur.

In Stewartstown, N. H., April 7, to Mr and Mrs Terry Hughes of Wilson's Mills, a daughter, Sherry Ann.

In Stewartstown, N. H., April 12, to Mr and Mrs Emery Cameron of Wilson's Mills, a son, Jerry Don.

In Rumford, April 16, to Mr and Mrs Rodney Chase of Bethel, a daughter.

In Rumford, April 17, to Mr and Mrs Robert Thiffet of Bethel, a daughter, Cynthia Rose.

DIED

In Rumford, April 18, Mrs Ethel B. Cross, aged 74 years.

In Stewartstown, N. H., April 11, Leslie Hart, aged 75 years.

In Rumford, April 15, Mrs Ethel Farwell Russell, aged 63 years.

In Rumford, April 21, Mrs Lulu Merrill of Hanover, aged 57 years.

In Richmond, April 21, George L. Glover, formerly of Andover, aged 73 years.

In Turner, April 20, Mrs George H. French, aged 72 years.

Intellectually, as well as politically, the direction of all true progress is toward greater freedom, and along an endless succession of ideas.

—Christian Nestell Bovee



LON E. WIGHT OF NEWRY CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION AS REPRESENTATIVE

Friends of Lon E. Wight of Newry are interested to learn of the announcement that he has filed papers for the Republican nomination as representative to the legislature for more than 20 years.

Previously, veterans who had total disability ratings based on disabilities other than blindness or anatomical losses could be examined with a possibility that their ratings might be reduced.

This new law assures the few veterans affected, who have been rated totally disabled for 20 years or more, that they will not be deprived of benefits in their old age after they have been accustomed to rely on these benefits for the

V. A. NEWS LETTER

Veterans who have been rated totally disabled for compensation, pension or insurance purposes for at least 20 years are not subject to reduced ratings under provisions of a new law, Eben C Bagley, Officer-in-Charge, VA Office, 171 Middle St., Portland, Maine, announced.

Excepted from provisions of the law are any cases where fraud is involved.

Public Law 311, approved by the President on March 17, 1954, obligates physical examinations of those veterans with a rating of total disability or permanent total disability for more than 20 years.

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support of themselves and their dependents.

However, the new law prevents the reduction of ratings for physical reasons only. Veterans receiving pensions for permanent and total nonservice-connected disabilities are still subject to income limitations of \$1400, without dependents, and \$2700 with dependents, even though their ratings have been in effect for 20 years or more.

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IN AND ABOUT BETHEL

Walter Tikander was a bus visitor in Boston, Wednesday.

Mrs Mary Ford was the guest of Harold Conner and family week.

Francis Noyes is at the Rum Community Hospital for observation.

The meeting of the W. C. T. U. on May 6 will be held with Carrie Mercier.

Mr H. I. Bean is ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hale Jones, in Lewiston.

Mrs Winifred McKinney, Madison, Cony, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Francis Noyes.

Mr and Mrs Homer Tibbets, Berlin, N. H., spent the week with relatives in town.

Mrs Norman A. Nixon of Oxford, Mass., is a guest of her son, William, at the Hotel Sudbury.

Mr and Mrs Marsters York, Plainfield, Vt., spent the week at the home of Wesley Whalen.

Miss Esther Tyler is spending vacation from her duties as teacher in Deering High School, Portland.

John Harrington and Will Chapman are attending the Marion Shorthorn Breeders' sale at Presque Isle.

Among those ill with meatitis are Mary Lowell, Bobby Saunderson, Victoria Robertson and Larry Lillings.

Dr and Mrs S. S. Greenleaf turned home last week after spending several weeks at the beach, Beach, Fla.

Mrs Emma York, who has spent the past winter in Andover, is visiting her son, Robert York, and family this week.

Dibble and Jeff Howe visited their grandparents, Mr and Mrs Irving Staffler, in Amesbury, Mass., last week.

Mr and Mrs John Angevine were to Boston, Mass., with Mr and Mrs Avery Angevine last week to visit relatives.

John H. Carter has bought former Hamel's place on Church Street, recently occupied by Carl Larson and family.

Mrs Flora Anderson and Mrs Evans Wilson have returned after spending the past week with Mr and Mrs Wendall Gibbs, Peabody, Mass.

Recent callers of Mr and Mrs Norman Johnson were Mr and Mrs Frank Barry and Mrs Evelyn Johnson of New Gloucester.

Mrs Emma York, who has been staying at the home of Miss Geneva Mitchell on May 6th. Co-hostesses are Mrs G. L. Thurston and Mrs Edith.

Robert Farwell has received a honorable discharge from the Army and is visiting his mother, Mrs Ruth Stearns. He has served the past three years in Germany.

The Five Town Teachers Club will meet at East Bethel school next Monday evening. Mr. Charles will speak on teachers' insurance. All teachers are urged to come.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Robert York were Mr and Mrs George Clark, Sharon and Brenda of Winter Harbor, also Miss Esther Jones of Lewiston and S.Sgt Clark from New York.

A card party for the benefit of the Cancer Drive was held Saturday evening when Mr and Mrs Addison Saunders entertained the members of the Couples Contract Club at their home.

Mr and Mrs Buddy Howe arrived home Wednesday from Pensacola, Fla., where he has been stationed. They are at present with Mr and Mrs Clarence Howe.

The Eleanor Gordon Guild met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs Robert Keniston with co-chairs, Mrs Donald Cross, Mrs Albert Buck and devotions. Plans were completed for Mother's Day Banquet to be held May 12 at the Church. Mrs Floyd Bartlett is on the ticket committee. Three large serving trays have been purchased for the Church. A series of pre-school classes will be started next week, May 6, sponsored by the West Parish Guild and Eleanor Gordon Guild. Workshops for this conference are Mrs. Mabel Mundt, Mrs. Stanley Davis, and Mrs. Carlton Paine. Mrs. Paine will be the representative to attend the Annual Health Council Meeting at East Summer Maine.

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